

Remarks

Claims 1-21 and 23-45 are currently pending and stand rejected. Claims 1 and 20 have been amended. Applicants assert that the claims are now in condition for allowance as set forth more fully below.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-21 and 23-45 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Williams (US Pat 5,815,657) in view of Lefkowitz (US Pat App 2001/0037250). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections. The Office Action rejects claims 1-21 and 23-45 by asserting that the combination of Williams and Lefkowitz teach all of the claimed elements and that there was an explicit or implicit suggestion that would lead one skilled in the art to combine Williams and Lefkowitz.

Claims 14-19

The Office Action concedes on page 7 that Williams does not teach the element of claim 14 which recites, in pertinent part:

“A method for database registration...storing from the display field and the first and second input fields of the graphical user interface the user identification, the first data value and the second data value in a second data base ...such that the user identification, first data value and the second data value are stored within the second database concurrently and persistently, the second database being different from the first database ...”.

The Office Action goes on to make similar or related concessions, of which the above recitation is a representative sample, on pages 3, 10, 13, 16, 18, 21 and 23 with respect to independent claims 1, 20, 26, 30, 37, 41 and 45. However, the Office Action then asserts that Lefkowitz teaches the above referenced subject matter in paragraphs 0046 and 0055.

It is important to note that Lefkowitz does not teach the subject matter asserted by the Office Action. Lefkowitz is concerned with ordering consumer items and airline tickets over the internet and discloses a merchant server containing a consumer items inventory database, a flight schedule database and a customer data base which do not populate each other (Para. 0046). Lefkowitz teaches that once payment is accepted, the merchant server communicates the flight reservation to the airline reservation system and

does not store the information to merchant server. (Para. 0056). Lefkowitz also teaches communicating merchandise purchase information to the store server at a bonded warehouse and again not storing to a second data base in the merchant server. (Para. 0057, FIG. 4). Lefkowitz also teaches creating a customer profile in the customer database that is in the merchant server. (Para. 0058, FIG. 5). However, the consumer information being stored in the customer profile appears to be directly inputted by the consumer and is not a data entry in a display field received from a first database. (FIG. 6).

As such, Lefkowitz does not teach storing from the display field [information received from a first database] and the first and second input fields of the graphical user interface the user identification, the first data value and the second data value in a second database of the first information system such that the user identification, the first data value, and the second data value are stored within the second database concurrently and persistently, the second database being different from the first database.

Since neither Williams nor Lefkowitz teach the storing of display field information received from a first database and data values inputted by the user into a second database both databases which reside in the same information system, the combination of Williams and Lefkowitz cannot teach that subject matter either. Furthermore, since neither reference teaches the subject matter, there would obviously be no teaching or suggestion to combine the references by one skilled in the art since such a combination would have no chance of success of producing the claimed subject matter. See, *Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. v. Phillip Morris, Inc.*, 229 F.3d 1120, 56 U.S.P.Q.2D (BNA) 1456 (Fed. Cir. 2000). As such, Claim 14 is allowable over Williams in view of Lefkowitz. Dependent claims 15-19 depend from independent claim 14 and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons.

Claims 26-45

Independent claims 26, 30, 37, 41 and 45 recite similar subject matter as recited above in the discussion of Claim 14. As a representative sample, claim 26 recites

“[a] system for database registration comprising a first database of the first information system...a graphical user interface to receive a second data value associated with the user...via a second input field of the graphical user interface, the computer to

receive the first data value from the first database for purposes of identifying the user and display the first data value via a display field of the graphical user interface...a second database of the first information system...the second database to store the first data value and the second data value such that the first data value from the first database and the second data value are contained within the second database concurrently and persistently.”

As discussed above in regards to claim 14, neither Williams nor Lefkowitz teach the storing of both display field information (received from a first database) and data values inputted by the user into a second database where both databases reside in the same information system. As such, the combination of Williams and Lefkowitz cannot teach that subject matter either. Therefore, independent claims 26, 30, 37, 41 and 45 are allowable over Williams in view of Lefkowitz for at least the same reasons. Dependent claims 27-29, 31-36, 38-40, and 42-44 depend from allowable independent claims 26, 30, 37 and 41 and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons.

Claims 1-22 and 23-25

Independent claims 1 and 20 recite similar subject matter as recited above in the discussion of claims 14-19 and 26-45. In addition, each of amended claims 1 and 20 includes other recitations not taught by either Williams or Lefkowitz or a combination thereof. Applicants have made amendments in the interest of an efficient and timely prosecution and do not concede to the correctness of the rejections.

Amended claim 1 recites, in pertinent part,

“a method for database registration...determining the type of a web browser being utilized by a user computer that is accessing a first database, sending a web page to the user computer that is in a format that is compatible with the web browser being utilized by the user computer ... prompting the user to enter one or more additional data values via one or more corresponding input fields of the first graphical user interface, wherein the user has the option to input one or more additional data values, and storing from the display field, the second input field and the corresponding input field of the first graphical user interface the first data value, the second data value and the additional data value in a second database such that the first data value from the first database, the second data value from the data source and the additional data values are contained within the second database concurrently and persistently, the second database being different from the first database, wherein further the first and second databases are periodically updated such that both data bases maintain a common configuration.

The cited references fail to disclose at least these recitations, for example but not limited to prompting the user to enter one or more additional data values and storing the first data value from the first database, the second data value from the data source and the additional data values are contained within the second database concurrently and persistently. Therefore, claim 1 is allowable over Williams in view of Lefkowitz for at least these reasons. Dependent claims 2-13 depend from allowable claim 1 and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons.

Amended claim 20 recites, in pertinent part,

“a system for database registration...wherein the computer allows the user to enter one or more additional data values via one or more additional input fields of the first graphical user interface, wherein further the computer provides a second graphical user interface to receive parameters regarding uploading the first data value and second data value... wherein further a portion of the graphical user interface is a Java applet including one or more Active Server Pages supporting a plurality of panel indicators”.

The cited references fail to disclose these recitations, for example but not limited to providing a second graphical user interface to receive parameters regarding uploading the first data value and second data value. Therefore, claim 20 is allowable over Williams in view of Lefkowitz for at least these reasons. Dependent claims 21 and 23-25 depend from allowable claim 20 and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons.

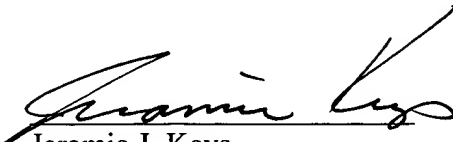
Conclusion

Applicants assert that the application including claims 1-21 and 23-45 is now in condition for allowance. Applicants request reconsideration in view of the amendments and remarks above and further request that a Notice of Allowability be provided. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

No fees beyond are believed due. However, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3025.

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